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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: HQ AFMC/PK

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SUBJECT: Class Deviation to FAR 15.605(b)(1)(ii) and 42.1502(a), Past Performance  
Requirements for Science & Technology (S&T) Contracting

1. FAR 15.605(b)(1)(ii) and 42.1502(a) require the evaluation and use of contractor performance data on Science and Technology (S&T) contracts. SAF/AQC has approved a Class Deviation to FAR 15.605(b)(1)(ii) and 42.1502(a), which waives the mandatory evaluation and use of past performance for research and development efforts for basic, applied, and advanced research, regardless of the dollar amount. The use of past performance evaluations in S&T source selections is, however, still a sound concept and can be a valuable source selection tool. Most advanced technology acquisitions (6.3, 6.4 funding) that approach the complexity of major systems should still consider evaluating past performance. When it is apparent that the government is merely buying "best efforts" or where there is no benefit to be gained from a contractor's past performance in predicting future performance, it may be inappropriate to gather or evaluate past performance information. The subject deviation merely allows flexibility in evaluating past performance in S&T acquisitions. This deviation is effective until 30 Sep 97 or until the FAR is revised. The deviation is attached and is provided for your information.

2. If you have any questions, please call me or have your staff call my action officer, Ms. Donna Hatfield, HQ AFMC/PKPA, DSN 787-6055.

*Richard H. Roellig*  
RICHARD H. ROELLIG  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Director of Contracting

Attachment:  
Class Deviation

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Atch 96-15B (FAR 15) Post to FAR 15.605(b)(i)(ii) by circling the reference and noting in the margin: "See Class Deviation at PKOI 70-41, atch 96-15B." Also post to FAR 42.1502(a) by circling the ref and noting in the margin: "70-41, atch 96-15B contains Class Deviation Info." Then file this atch behind the sups to FAR 15.

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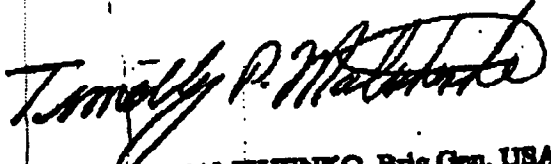
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**CONTRACTING POLICY MEMO 96-C-****MEMORANDUM FOR ALMAJCOM-FOA-DRU (CONTRACTING)**

**FROM: SAF/AQC**  
**1060 Air Force Pentagon**  
**Washington, DC 20330-1060**

**SUBJECT: Class Deviation to FAR 15.605(b)(1)(ii) and FAR 42.1502(a), Past Performance Requirements for Science and Technology (S&T) Contracting**

I approve the attached class deviation which waives the mandatory evaluation and use of past performance requirements of FAR 15.605(b)(1)(ii) and FAR 42.1502(a) for Science and Technology (S&T) contracting. This approval is for research and development efforts for basic, applied, and advanced research, regardless of the dollar amount. The use of past performance evaluations in source selections is a sound concept and should still be accomplished when determined appropriate for the acquisition. This deviation is effective for one year or until the FAR is revised. My point of contact is Major Les Clark, SAF/AQCS, (703) 695-1997, DSN 225-1997, E-mail [clarklg@af.pentagon.mil](mailto:clarklg@af.pentagon.mil).

  
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